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Applicant: Balasuriya
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 28, 2004,
Applicant submits the following preliminary amendment to overcome the Non-Compliant Notice
directed to the originally submitted preliminary amendment filed on February 12, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.